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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Original Bear Creek Association of Primitive Baptists.

Friday, September 15, 1939.

The Association convened in its one hundred seventh session with the church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, North Carolina.

After songs of praise services continued with prayer by Elder H. E. Powell of Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga., and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills, of Charlotte, N. C., from Acts of Apostles 2nd chapter and 42-43 verses.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the Association assembled in the house, and after singing songs of praise and prayer by Elder T. V. Mann, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in regular order.

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, acted as Moderator and Brother A. E. Broom, clerk of the church, acted as clerk and called Brother Preston Helms to assist him and also Brother Robert Horne as reading clerk.

1st. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2nd. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove: Whole church.

From Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

From Lawyers Springs: Brethren J. B. Medlin, J. R. Horne, C. P. Marsh, T. M. Helms and others.

From High Hill: Brethren R. C. Hill, Durant Pressley, N. W. Williams, S. H. Edwards and others.

From Mt. Creek: Brethren Clyde Medlin, J. E. Russell, C. W. Smith, Willie Solomon and others.

From Union Grove: Brethren G. C. Baucom, F. P. Deese, Sanford Medlin, Oscar Wooten and others.

From Watson: Brethren F. O. Helms, J. T. Simpson, J. A. Helms, E. V. Baucom and others.

From Union: Brethren.

From Liberty Hill: Brethren E. F. Lambert, T. L. Medlin, C. C. Furr, Jack Underwood and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, W. H. Hatley, D. M. Hathcock and others.

3rd. Called for petitionary. None handed in.

4th. The Moderator was authorized by the Association to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Brady Mills, A. E. Broom, Claude Mills, S. D. Outen and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren W. A. Dry, F. L. Baucom, J. E. Russell, W. J. Underwood and F. O. Helms.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report.

By arrangements and authority of Watson church in Union County, N. C., a Presbytery composed of the following Elders, C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis, J. R. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins and A. L. Presnell, with Deacons from all the churches of this Association formed a Presbytery by authority of Liberty Hill church and ordained Brethren W. J. Underwood, G. P. Burris and E. F. Lambert to the office of Deacons of Liberty Hill church.

As was previously arranged the following Elders, C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis, J. R. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins and A. L. Presnell, with Deacons from all the churches of this Association formed a Presbytery by authority of Liberty Hill church and ordained Brethren W. J. Underwood, G. P. Burris and E. F. Lambert to the office of Deacons of Liberty Hill church.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee and others.

From Dan River: Elders P. J. Washburn, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins, Brethren J. J. Minter, W. A. Nance, W. H. Lewis and others.

From Little River: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, Brethren R. F. Smith, L. A. Stephenson, M. N. Todd and others.

From South Arkansas: Elders T. L. Webb and E. W. Hargett.

From Sequachie Valley: File of Minutes.

From Mt. Zion: File of Minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of Minutes.

From Flint River of Ga., Elder R. K. Blackshears and Brother W. S. Lane.

From Little River of Ga., Elder T. V. Mann.

From Primitive Ebenezer of Ga., Elder H. E. Powell.

From Ocmulgee: Sister T. V. Whitaker.

From High Point Church, Elder V. V. Willard with other Brethren and Sisters.

From Ebenezer Church, Elder E. C. Oaks.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Dan River: Elder C. M. Mills, Brethren C. C. Furr, J. B. Medlin and C. T. Mills.

To Little River: Elder C. M. Mills, Brother J. Troy Simpson.

To Sequachie Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Mt. Zion: File of Minutes.

To Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of Minutes.

To South Arkansas: File of Minutes.

7th. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8th. On motion Elder C. H. White was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minutes.

9th. On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning.

Benediction announced by Elder C. M. Mills.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m. and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Hopkins, of Schoolfield, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations \$206.75. Report received and committee discharged.

11th. By motion agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the Union Grove church, Union county, N. C., beginning on Friday and continuing through the third Sunday in September 1940, and that the pastor of Union Grove church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. By motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distribute as usual and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of the same and that we allow him \$30.00 for his services.

14th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for His mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15th. By motion we agree that all funds above \$30.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16th. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned. Benediction by Elder E. W. Hargette, of Eldorado, Ark.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, a. m., Elder C. M. Mills, Acts 2:42-43.
 Friday, p. m., Elder T. V. Mann, St. John 3:9.
 Friday, p. m., Elder E. W. Hargett, Titus 2:1.
 Saturday, a. m., Elder E. C. Oaks, Acts 11:17.
 Saturday, a. m., Elder W. H. Oaks, 2 Timothy 2:19.
 Saturday, a. m., Elder J. D. Hopkins, St. John 14:15.
 Saturday, p. m., Elder R. A. May, Romans 5:1-10.
 Saturday, p. m., Elder P. J. Washburn, St. John.
 Saturday, p. m., Elder J. T. Lewis, I Corinthians 15:1-3.
 Saturday night, Brother W. H. Lewis, Ephesians 1:3.
 Saturday night, Elder H. E. Powell, ... 10:13.
 Sunday, a. m., Elder J. S. Stephenson, Ephesians 2:1-2.
 Sunday, a. m., Elder R. K. Blackshears, Isaiah 56:4.
 Sunday, a. m., Elder J. T. Lewis.
 Sunday, p. m., Elder T. L. Webb, Psalms 56:4.
 Sunday, p. m., Elder V. V. Willard.

NOTE

Thus ended a love feast of good things from on high. Each minister came in his own way and manner, feeding God's little ones until their cups ran over. After services Saturday, p. m., the congregation met with three whom desired to follow Jesus in Baptism, and were buried beneath the yielding waves to arise and walk in newness of life by our highly esteemed Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sent up by churches and congregations	\$206.75
For printing and mailing minutes and clerk fee	\$ 30.00
Distributed to ministers	\$176.75

VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder R. K. Blackshears, Donalsonville, Ga.
 Elder E. W. Hargett, Eldorado, Ark.
 Elder J. D. Hopkins, Schoolfield, Va.
 Elder J. T. Lewis, Route 2, Angier, N. C.
 Brother W. H. Lewis, Keeling, Va.
 Elder R. A. May, Route 3, Lenoir, N. C.
 Elder W. H. Oaks, Route 3, Dry Forks, Va.
 Elder E. C. Oaks, Senora, N. C.
 Elder T. V. Mann, Route 2, Marietta, Ga.
 Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va.
 Elder T. L. Webb, El Dorado, Ark.
 Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
 Elder H. E. Powell, Route 3, Cochran, Ga.
 Elder J. S. Stephenson, Route 2, Angier, N. C.

HOME MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder C. M. Mills, 614 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
 Elder O. C. Mullis, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
 Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
 Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 Elder W. E. Benton, Shallotte, S. C.
 Elder A. L. Presnell, Rominger, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, to our Corresponding Associations and to all of like precious Faith.

Dear Brethren, Greetings:—

We, the Original Primitive Baptist Association, have met again in love and peace for which we thank God.

This Association in 1923 made this resolution: Resolved, that we, the ministers and messengers now present and composing this session of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, recommend the resolution sent up to this session by several of our churches, stating they do not believe that God predestinated sin or the evil acts of men and devils, and we advise all of the churches of this Association to adopt such resolution and also that we advise our churches not to fellowship any man who advocates or preaches such false doctrine and that we keep such men out of our pulpits. The above was unanimously adopted and ordered published in minutes and was heartily endorsed by all the home and visiting ministers present, and this is our position in doctrine now.

We believe the sinner is passive in and before regeneration, not competent of acting. In regeneration the dead sinner is made alive in Christ and is not in the same shape and condition as before regeneration. They have ears and can hear the Gospel; eyes to see, and can see; a heart to understand, and can understand, and are not passive after regeneration.

To our correspondents, take this letter as to each and all and may our correspondence continue in fellowship and love. Come to visit us, and preach for us.

May God's richest blessings be on Zion and all of the churches everywhere. We hope all of the Baptist can agree on the fundamentals of truth and doctrine as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in love and hope,

C. H. WHITE.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	C. T. Mills, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	43	1	\$28.00
Lawyer's Springs.	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	66	1	\$35.26
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	T. L. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.....	7	0	3	0	0	2	1	44	1	\$20.00
Meadow Creek.....	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.....	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	\$13.00
Mt. Creek.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	3	\$14.00
Pleasant Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	A. E. Broome, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C...	7	2	1	1	0	0	1	52	2	\$29.50
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	F. L. Baucom, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.....	10	0	1	0	1	0	1	58	2	\$42.35
		Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C...	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	30	4	\$16.65
Bethel.....	Elder A. L. Presnell, Rominger, N. C.	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	26	4	\$ 3.00
Union.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.....	W. R. Coley, 105 N. 1st St., Belmont, N. C.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	27	3	\$ 5.00

The Association will meet with Union Grove Church, Union County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and ³⁹³3rd Sunday in September, 1940.



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